

## CHAPTER 82.

## LAWS.

AN ACT to provide for the publication and distribution of the Acts, Resolutions, and Memorials of the present session of the General Assembly.

- Pub. lica-tion.     **SEC. 1.** *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That six thousand copies of the Acts, Resolutions, and Memorials, passed at the present session of the General Assembly, be published under the superintendence of the Secretary of State.
- Laws of 1853.     § 2. The Secretary is also directed to print and distribute, of the Laws and Resolutions of the last session, four thousand copies.
- Distribution.     § 3. The Secretary shall divide four thousand copies among the several organized counties in proportion to their population, but giving no county less than fifty copies, and as soon as practicable after receiving the same from the printer, transmit to the county clerk of each county the number of copies to which his county is entitled, and to each member of the General Assembly, three copies of said laws.
- Clerk to furnish officers.     § 4. The county clerk shall furnish each county and township officer with a copy of such Acts, &c., and he shall sell the remainder at fifty cents per copy, paying over the money to the county treasurer, who shall pay the same into the State Treasury.
- Sell.     § 5. For superintending the printing, indexing, and distributing the laws, etc., as herein provided, the Secretary of State shall be entitled to receive the sum of four hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED January 23, 1855.

## CHAPTER 83.

## GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

AN ACT providing for the Geological Survey of the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That the Governor may appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a State Geologist, who shall be a person of competent scientific and practical knowledge of the science of geology and mineralogy, who shall hold his office for the term of two years, unless sooner removed by the Governor.

§ 2. The said State Geologist shall, by and with the consent of the Governor, appoint one suitable person to assist him in the discharge of his duties, who shall be a skillful analytical and experimental chemist.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of said geologist and his assistant, as soon as may be practicable after the appointment, to commence and carry on, with as much expedition as possible, a thorough geological and mineralogical survey of the State, as also of the character and quality of the soil for agricultural purposes.

§ 4. It shall be the duty of the assistant to make and complete examinations and assays of all rocks, ores, soils or other substances which may be submitted to him by the State Geologist for that purpose, and to furnish him with a detailed and complete account of results so obtained.

§ 5. It shall be the duty of the State Geologist, on or before the first Monday of December in each year during the time not necessarily occupied by said survey, to make report of said survey and the progress thereof, accompanied with such maps, drawings and specifications as may be necessary and proper to exemplify the same to the Governor, who shall lay a copy of the reports before the General Assembly.

§ 6. It shall also be the duty of such Geologist to forward to the Governor, from time to time, during the progress of said survey, such specimens of the rocks, ores, coals, soils